

Baker Rebukes Register

FIND SHEPARD IS GUILTY OF KILLING WIFE

Army Officer Facing Life Imprisonment; To Fight Verdict

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 22.—(INS)—Major Charles A. Shepard, 40, army medical officer, was found guilty of murdering his wife, Mrs. Zenana Shepard, by a jury in federal court here today.

The verdict of "guilty" was returned by the jury after 18 hours and 45 minutes of deliberation.

The verdict carried a penalty of life imprisonment, one of the three verdicts possible. The other two were acquittal and the death penalty.

Major Shepard arrived in the courtroom at 1:40 o'clock. He was accompanied by two of his attorneys, Harry S. Glass and C. L. Kagey. Major Shepard appeared to be worried. The long wait had told on him and lines were etched in his face which had not been there when the trial started.

The courtroom was almost filled with spectators and the balliff after rapping for order made the announcement that no demonstration, either for approval or disapproval of the verdict would be permitted. Judge Hopkins then asked the jurors if they had arrived at a verdict and W. A. Payne of Oklahoma, Kansas, asked the jury to hand the verdict to the judge who read it and then handed it to the clerk of the court to read publicly.

WIFE'S EYES

A hush prevailed in the courtroom as the clerk read distinctly the jury's verdict, announcing that it had found the defendant "guilty of first degree murder as charged in the indictment."

As the verdict was read, Major Shepard raised his hand to his head and closed his eyes. Later, as the full import of it dawned upon him, he drew forth his handkerchief and wiped his eyes.

Defense attorneys immediately filed the formal motions for an appeal and began a discussion of bond for Major Shepard. They declared they would carry the case to the United States supreme court if necessary.

DAILY DOINGS OF HOOVER IS NEW FEATURE

When President Hoover last Friday afternoon pressed the golden key in the White House, marking the printing press for the first edition of the Midwest Free Press in Muscatine, few people probably gave thought to the daily routine requirements of the nation's executive.

His daily program of conferences, interviews, engagements, etc., are compiled in an interesting news feature entitled "With Hoover Daily," to be presented to readers of the Midwest Free Press each day on the front page, starting Friday.

Take last Friday for instance. The president met with his cabinet from 10:30 a. m. to 12 p. m. (cabinet meetings are held regularly on Tuesday and Friday of each week). At 12:15 p. m. the Greek minister, Charalambos Simopoulos called to present Archbishop Alexander of Greece. At 1:30 p. m. Representative McDuff (Dem.) of Missouri, Ala., called.

The ceremony of starting the machinery of the Midwest Free Press took place at 3:30 p. m. During the remainder of the day the president was engaged with his secretarial staff and in answering mail correspondence.

Look for this daily feature in the Free Press.

Mind Reader Fails To Locate Farmers' Cows, Sheriff Told

MASON CITY, Dec. 22.—(INS)—Mind readers may be able to tell what is in some persons' mind but they are certainly little use when it comes to finding cows, two farmers of near Harlan, Ia., are convinced.

The two men appeared at the sheriff's office yesterday and told Deputy Sheriff R. C. Schifman that they were looking for seven cows which had been stolen from their farm.

When asked why they thought the cows were in this part of the country, almost 200 miles away from their farm, they replied that a mind reader at Shenandoah had told them they would find the animals in the possession of a Mr. Johnson of near Osgo.

The two men said they spent a day in Mitchell county and found Osgo, and located many Johnsons, but they didn't find their cows.

WHITE CHRISTMAS SEEN FOR IOWA

DES MOINES, Dec. 22.—(INS)—Unsettled weather tonight and tomorrow may give Iowa a white Christmas, Charles Reed, United States weather forecaster here, predicted today. Temperatures will continue to hover near the 20 degree mark, he stated.

Murder Victim



This is Miss Velma Colter, 19 year old school teacher of Maryville, Mo., whom a negro in custody has confessed to killing, according to police. The negro, Raymond Gunn, 30, also may be the perpetrator of Omaha's ax murders in 1928, authorities believe.

SLAYER MOVED TO AVOID MOB

Murderer of Teacher Suspected of Omaha Ax Killings

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 22.—(INS)—Fearing another attempt of violence against Raymond Gunn, 30 year old negro and confessed slayer of Miss Velma Colter, Maryville, Mo., school teacher, authorities today placed him in the county jail here for safekeeping.

He was brought here from St. Joseph under heavy guard following a weekend of threatening action by mobs.

The rioting began Saturday when a mob of 200 persons surrounded the St. Joseph jail and demanded Gunn be surrendered to them.

Within a short time the mob had swelled to 800 persons and the 35th tank corps was called out to Augment city and county officials.

Sheriff Roach stood pat and refused to give up his prisoner who lounged unconcernedly in his cell during the uprising.

Authorities today were looking for clues to connect Gunn with the 1928 Omaha ax murders.

PROPOSE A BILL AGAINST GANGSTER

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—(INS)—Anti-crime forces here today were examining with interest a proposed bill against public enemies, which may supplant the revived vagrancy statute in the campaign to rid Chicago of gangsters before the opening of the world's fair.

An emergency bill providing for the act is expected to be laid before the state legislature when it convenes in January.

The first time in American jurisprudence this act, in the form of an amendment to the Illinois criminal code, would give a definite status to the gangster.

The term "public enemy," created by the Chicago crime commission, would become a valid charge, similar to that of "vagrant" but providing sentence for a felony instead of a misdemeanor.

2 Capone Gunmen Captured in Miami

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 22.—(INS)—Two Capone gunmen were seized by police here today in a raid in which officers hoped to capture "Machine Gun" Jack McGurn.

Frank Marullo and Charles A. DeMaia, said by police to be members of Capone's gang, were being held on \$5,000 bond this afternoon on charges of carrying concealed weapons and on additional \$1,000 bond on vagrancy charges.

Inquest Ordered In Suffocation of Four

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—(INS)—An inquest was ordered today into the deaths of four persons who were found suffocated yesterday in an apartment here. Police blamed a soot-clogged chimney and a gas water heater for exhausting the oxygen in the flat. The dead were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Morris, both blind, and Ernest and George Daly, nephews of the blind couple.

AGED ACTRESS DIES

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 22.—(INS)—Flo Irwin, 70, old-time actress was dead here today of a heart attack. Her sister, May Irwin, also an actress, was enroute here from New York for a visit. They had planned on a Christmas reunion.

DEMURRER BY DEFENDANT IN HOSSEY CASE

Legality of Contract Involved Challenged By Attorneys

The legality of the alleged contract under which Harry M. Hossey is seeking to obtain judgment against Norman Baker in district court, is challenged in a demurrer filed Saturday afternoon by attorneys for Mr. Baker.

The demurrer contains a number of grounds but the same thought runs through most of them, namely, that the plaintiff, Hossey, is not entitled to receive anything under the alleged contract for the reason that he had agreed to do an illegal act, to practice medicine contrary to the laws of the state of Iowa.

HOSSEY ENJOINED

The legal basis of the demurrer is that the law will not enforce contracts which are founded on illegal consideration. Hossey was enjoined by the court from practicing medicine without a license when Judge C. L. Ely rendered his decision in the injunction proceedings tried in district court here in September.

A motion to strike certain clauses of the plaintiff's petition in the case in which Hossey is seeking damages from Baker for alleged slanderous remarks which Hossey accuses Baker of making over station KTNV, was also filed in district court Saturday afternoon by Baker's attorneys.

SUBSTITUTE ATTACKED

The court recently sustained a motion to strike various petition was filed by Hossey's attorney.

It was an effort to keep the case in court. The motion filed Saturday attacks this substitute petition.

Attorneys filing the demurrer and the substitute petition are: W. A. Payne, J. E. Davis and W. C. Schifman.

THREE SLAIN IN MOUNTAIN FEUD

18 Year Old Girl Wound in Gun Battle Between Two Families

JACKSON, Ky., Dec. 22.—(INS)—Four men were held in the Breathitt county jail today as a result of a gun battle between two mountain families which resulted in the death of three men and the wounding of an 18 year old girl. The feud between the families is twelve years old.

Those killed were Isaac Little, 55, his son, Pierce Gabbard, 57, and his son, Wilton Gabbard, 29. The men in custody are Fred Little, 23, and his brothers, George, 23, and Herman, 20, and Ed Turner, 23. They are charged with murder.

Sheriff Lee Combs said the affray occurred on a mountain trail Saturday when the families, returning from a turkey shoot engaged in an argument.

Ruling Gives Head Of County Schools Permission To Vote

DES MOINES, Dec. 22.—(INS)—The county superintendent of schools has the right to vote on all questions before the County Board of Education unless the county superintendent owns or lives on land within a particular consolidated district whose organization is in question, according to an opinion rendered by Earl P. Wisdom, assistant attorney general.

The opinion was in answer to the department of public instruction.

Snow Shovels Make Appearance Again After Light Fall

The official thermometer reading this morning showed Muscatine at a temperature of 36 degrees above zero, or a rise of six degrees since Sunday when the lowest mark of 20 above zero was recorded.

Another snowfall occurred early today when almost an inch of snow fell and snow shovels again made their appearance. A gradual rise in temperature occurred during the day. The river stage recorded at Muscatine today was 1.3, or one-tenth of an inch fall since yesterday.

Trio Robs Indiana Bank of \$5,000

TRIO PAGE ONE

ENGLISH, Ind., Dec. 22.—(INS)—Three young bandits raided the Crawford county state bank, a \$700,000 institution here today, locked two bank officials and one customer into the vault and fled with about \$5,000 in cash. They escaped in a Ford roadster going north along state road 67 in the direction of Bedford.

Sixth Indiana Bank In Week Is Robbed

ENGLISH, Ind., Dec. 22.—(INS)—Four bandits held up the Crawford County state bank here today and escaped with about \$2,500.

A posse is in pursuit.

This was the ninth raid on a bank in Indiana in the last six days.

Engaged



Rosita Moreno, Spanish screen actress, has announced that she is engaged to marry Orville Mohler, center back on the University of Southern California football team.

S. U. I. 'EXPOSE' IS SENSATION

Jessup Mute on Charge He Prevents Good Grid Schedules

IOWA CITY, Dec. 22.—(INS)—Dr. Walker Jessup, president of the State University of Iowa here, today refused to make any comment upon charges of Verne Marshall, editor of the Cedar Rapids Gazette, that Dr. Jessup was responsible for Iowa's poor football schedule. Marshall's charges were made in a copyrighted article in yesterday's Gazette.

The article charged that Jessup was responsible for the election of the university from the Big Ten conference in May, 1929, and that Jessup alone was responsible for the football schedule of 1930, which listed only one big ten game played by Iowa this fall.

It is further charged that Jessup was responsible for the 1921-1922 football schedule which listed but one of the leading universities of the Big Ten—meeting Iowa. The article further said:

"And so long as the leading Big Ten universities fail to play football with the University of Iowa, the people of this state may well understand that President Walter A. Jessup is the reason, and that those who have made him the reason are the athletic directors, the coaches, and the Big Ten faculty committee representatives, individually and collectively, of the schools that refuse to schedule games with Iowa. And the guiding spirits of that group are Stagg of Chicago, Yost of Michigan and Huff of Illinois."

In a five-column article, Marshall rehearses the scandal at the university which caused Paul P. Belting, former director of athletics, to be dropped. He charges Belting was not guilty of the scandal and places the blame squarely on the shoulders of President Jessup.

Chinese Troops Kill 1,000 Communists

LONDON, Dec. 22.—(INS)—In a four day battle marked by bitter fighting Chinese nationalist troops in Kiangsi Province killed 1,000 communists and captured Tungku, a red stronghold, according to reports from Hankow in the morning newspapers today. The government troops, the report added, rescued 500 captives.

PLANE HITS HOUSE

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 22.—(INS)—Four persons escaped death today when a tri-motored T. A. T. Western air express airplane from Salt Lake City overshot the Alhambra landing field and crashed into a nearby residence. The giant plane and the residence, showered with gasoline, burst into flames.

'CITY FELLERS' EXCEED RURAL INHABITANTS

But Iowa Country Total Is 1,491,647 to 979,792 Urban

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(INS)—There are 52,819,525 "country-jakes" in the United States and 68,055,521 "city fellers," according to the United States bureau of census announced the rural and urban populations of the country today on tabulations of the April census.

The census in 1920 showed there were 51,406,017 persons living in the country and 54,304,603 living in the city.

Urban population included all cities and other incorporated places having 2,500 inhabitants or more.

Urban and rural population by states:

State	Urban	Rural
Alabama	68,955,521	53,819,525
Arkansas	321,505	475,917
California	273,079	192,214
Colorado	118,766	240,845
Connecticut	3,831,426	418,188
Delaware	625,423	52,063
District of Columbia	1,131,770	475,113
Florida	10,521,952	702,134
Georgia	3,339,244	702,090
Idaho	625,423	52,063
Illinois	4,597,371	2,138,923
Indiana	1,796,892	1,442,611
Iowa	5,635,727	1,575,927
Kansas	3,302,075	1,540,250
Kentucky	1,553,943	1,385,163
Louisiana	1,257,616	1,306,337
Maine	979,292	1,491,647
Maryland	1,859,119	1,779,248
Massachusetts	113,306	567,539
Michigan	139,907	561,942
Minnesota	486,107	891,856
Mississippi	123,146	115,234
Missouri	974,869	656,657
Montana	486,869	656,657
Nebraska	785,537	1,636,314
Nevada	800,847	2,300,428
New Hampshire	371,060	1,567,485
New Jersey	1,491,647	979,792
New Mexico	70,097	155,468
New York	519,882	515,909
North Carolina	106,818	1,651,011
North Dakota	285,717	285,717
Ohio	285,717	285,717
Oklahoma	34,464	56,944
Oregon	384,539	678,857
Pennsylvania	4,974,748	1,491,647
Rhode Island	418,188	52,063
South Carolina	1,491,647	979,792
South Dakota	1,491,647	979,792
Tennessee	70,097	155,468
Texas	896,536	1,700,018
Vermont	744,278	1,901,978
Virginia	358,850	1,670,971
Washington	142,878	1,471,604
West Virginia	833,553	1,268,061
Wisconsin	821,681	1,574,359
Wyoming	2,389,348	3,435,367
Yukon	181,036	3,656,570
Idaho	129,507	315,525
Wyoming	70,097	155,468
Colorado	519,882	515,909
New Mexico	106,818	1,651,011
Arizona	285,717	285,717
Utah	285,717	285,717
Nevada	34,464	56,944
Washington	384,539	678,857
California	4,974,748	1,491,647

Mayor Thompson Of Chicago Files \$1,000,000 Suit

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—(INS)—Mayor William Hale Thompson today filed a \$1,000,000 suit in superior court against Col. Robert Latham Randolph, president of the Chicago Association of Commerce, charging slander.

The suit is based on a letter Col. Randolph sent to the federal radio commission protesting the use of the air by radio stations promoting the mayor's plan to increase business.

"Col. Randolph's letter stated that the mayor was promoting a lottery in violation of the law," said Attorney Samuel L. Golan, who filed the suit.

Fire in Oil Well Halted by Blast

WEWOKA, Okla., Dec. 22.—(INS)—A 45-pound shot of nitro-gelatin today brought an end to the blazing No. 2 Douglas well which since early Friday, had burned furiously over its community.

M. M. Kinley and Harry Kinley, brothers, dressed in asbestos suits crawled through the flames to the north well to plant the charge of high explosive. Although the flames were instantly checked by the explosion, oil and gas continued to flow from the well.

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Open Letter of Baker To Publisher of Register

Muscatine, Iowa, December 20, 1930
Mr. Gardner Cowles,
The Daily Register,
Des Moines, Iowa.

That your paper, the Des Moines Register, should make another attack upon me, upon the occasion of the opening of the Mid-West Free Press, did not and does not surprise me in the least. That your paper should be used as the key paper in a campaign to discredit the new newspaper was expected, but that the Des Moines Register, claiming to be the leading Iowa newspaper, should use its columns to attack the chief executive of the United States and the only president ever to be furnished the nation by the state of Iowa, shocks me almost beyond words, especially when the attack is founded upon such a flimsy pretext.

If anything more was necessary to demonstrate that there is a crying need in Iowa for a newspaper that is loyal to the best interests of the state, your vicious editorial and misleading newspaper article of Saturday definitely supplies that need.

I can understand that you might fear the establishment of an independent, fearless newspaper in a state where the people have been given just the kind of colored, false and misleading news that your paper conveyed to them Saturday—but knowing your tactics as I do, it is still hard for me to believe that you would use the president of the United States as a smoke screen behind which to fight against such a newspaper as the Mid-West Free Press will be.

You know, of course, when your paper referred to the Free Press as a "SECRET" paper, that you were referring to the fact that you were a "SECRET" paper.

My readers, I take it that a newspaper organization which pretends to operate a state news agency, a man who may suppress even though a man who may suppress them. But to inform you, if you do not know it, the Midwest Free Press is owned by more than 1,000 separate, individual stockholders. It is not my newspaper alone but the property of many people in Iowa and the Midwest. While I have taken the leadership in crystallizing the sentiment for a new paper in Muscatine, that sentiment is of many years' standing and is the direct result of just such contemptible tactics as your paper displayed Saturday.

It has been the deliberate policy of your paper to discredit me for a long time. That I have more or less patiently borne with, only on one or two occasions demanding that you retract outright falsehoods and lies, when your enthusiasm in pursuing your ruthless policy carried you too far. You have even attempted to belittle the governor of the state, using the fact that he addressed a crowd of 50,000 in Muscatine on Decoration day and talked before the microphone of my station, as the slender peg on which to hang your attack. You sent a reporter to Muscatine to "investigate" the Baker Institute and then published a so-called report that was so misleading as to border on deliberate falsification. You sent a reporter to Muscatine to report the injunction proceedings brought by the state of Iowa, and then published deliberate lies regarding the evidence, which you retracted only when I demanded it.

You have especially condemned the work being done at the Baker Hospital and yet have never published a truthful report of that work. You know that cancer is being cured at the Baker hospital. So many witnesses produced by the

HEAD OF PAPER CHALLENGED ON FAKED STORIES

Attack on Hoover for Starting Free Press Held Insult

That the Des Moines Register either prove its statements or give the people of Iowa the truth, is the answer made by the president of the Progressive Publishing Company, Norman Baker, in a ringing challenge to Gardner Cowles, the man behind the Register.

A reward of \$5,000 is dangled before Cowles' eyes in the Baker challenge in the shape of a certified check for that amount placed in the American Savings Bank of Muscatine by Mr. Baker, personally.

ATTAACK BEGINS

The opening gun of the expected campaign by certain Iowa newspaper interests to discredit the Free Press was fired Saturday by the Des Moines Register in a camouflaged barrage against Muscatine's new newspaper. President Hoover, Iowa's only president, was used as the smoke screen behind which the Register placed its heavy artillery. A portion of the article, which was carried as telegraph dispatches by other papers follows:

"People of eastern Iowa were somewhat surprised Friday afternoon when, according to Washington dispatches, President Herbert Hoover, chief executive of the United States, pressed a gold telegraph key in Washington, D. C., to start the machinery of the Midwest Free Press of Muscatine."

"The newspaper is sponsored by Norman Baker of cancer cure fame."

"Norman Baker is widely known in eastern Iowa as the owner and proprietor of radio station KTNV at Muscatine. Over this station he broadcasts the American Medical Association, claiming it is the 'American Cancer Cure Association,' criticized operations for appendicitis and the use of operations for cancer."

"In treatment of cancer, criticized the State University of Iowa hospital for the indigent sick, calling it a slaughter house, and intimating that physical examinations in schools were part of a plot of the medical societies."

"HOOVER IS 'CENSURED'"

The editorial in which the Register presumes to criticize President Hoover, read as follows:

ILL-ADVISED

"Actions and public statements of the president of the United States are usually carefully and carefully considered. Iowa friends of President Hoover were consequently amazed yesterday when he chose to take part in the ceremony of launching Norman Baker's new newspaper at Muscatine."

"Norman Baker, of cancer-cure fame, has said that his purpose in starting a paper is solely to combat the 'conspiracy' against him. Those 'conspiring' against him are the groups which have objected to his promotion over his radio station and otherwise of his alleged cancer cure."

"Iowa, the state of Illinois the medical school of the State University of Iowa, the Iowa Medical Association, the American Medical Association, and numerous newspapers including The Register have questioned whether his unrestricted medical activities are in the public interest."

"The Baker Institute claims to treat cancer, goiter, varicose veins and several other ailments, principally by use of hypodermic injections of a secret fluid, or, in some cancer cases, by application of a powder. The American Medical Journal has attacked him for his cancer cure claims and harmful false statements over his radio, such as that 95 per cent of all medical operations are unnecessary. Baker retorted branding the state medical school at Iowa City a 'slaughter house.'"

"It is true President Hoover did not endorse Baker's activities. But because he took part in the ceremony starting the press of the new paper, he has given Baker the opportunity to convey the impression to his followers that although numerous groups are 'conspiring' against him, President Hoover stands on his side."

"The president would have done better to have had no hand in the Baker ceremony. He was clearly ill-advised."

Motion to Be Filed In Libel Suit

A motion to strike, consisting of twenty-nine grounds, was to be filed this afternoon with the clerk of the United States District court at Des Moines, Ia., by attorneys for Norman Baker in his suit against the American Medical Association for half million dollars damages. The suit grew out of articles appearing in the medical society's official publications.

The motion attacks an eleven page answer filed in October by the medical association attorneys in which they seek to justify the alleged libelous articles.

C. P. Hanley of the firm of Hanley and Hanley and the firm of Thompson and Thompson were the original attorneys for Mr. Baker and the name of W. D. Randall has now been added to the plaintiff's legal staff.

Bankers Trust Closes

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—(INS)—The Bankers Trust Co. closed its doors here today. The institution, one of the largest banks in Philadelphia is located at Juniper and Walnut Sts., and has nineteen branches throughout the city.

PENNEY BANK CLOSING

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 22.—(INS)—Hundreds of depositors crowded about the City National bank today following its failure to open for business at 9 a. m. today. The bank, of which J. C. Penney, chain store magnate and philanthropist, is chairman of the board of directors, had deposits of \$15,000,000, according to its last periodical statement.

Maitland Fined \$100

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 22.—(INS)—Lieut. Lester J. Maitland, crack army airplane pilot, pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness before a military court at Fort Sam Houston today and was reprimanded and fined \$100 pay. Two prosecution and one defense witnesses gave testimony as to Maitland's condition on the night of last August 17 when, he, while confined to the base hospital at Fort Sam Houston, was alleged to have become intoxicated. Maitland gained fame in 1917 when he flew an airplane from San Francisco to Hawaii.

NATALIE MOORHEAD WEDS

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Here and There

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RESENT PRINCES' ACTION

MONTE CARLO, Dec. 22.—(INS)—Hundreds of discontented subjects staged a violent demonstration at the Monte Carlo railway station today when Prince Louis of Monaco returned to the principality after an absence of many months. The crowds were indignant over the prince's alleged lack of interest in the welfare of the principality. They reprimanded the fact he left administration of state affairs in the hands of the Monte Carlo casino authorities during his absence.

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HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Dec. 22.—(INS)—Natalie Moorhead, blond motion picture actress, and Alan Croiland today began a honeymoon journey back to Hollywood following their marriage in a Yosemite National park cottage yesterday.

December 11—Senator Joe T. Robinson, Democrat, leader breaks with president over his re-bure to Congress.

PLEASANT PRAIRIE

PLEASANT PRAIRIE, Dec. 22.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Egel entertained a company of friends Wednesday evening. The occasion being the birthday anniversary of their daughter, Faren, thirty guests were entertained. Five hundred was the evening's entertainment. Ladies' scores were won by Mrs. William Kappler and second prize, Mrs. Herman Untiedt. The high score for men went to Eddie Platt and second prize to Emil Lamsack. Mrs. Edna Platt, second consolation prize and Arline Bohmbeck the drawing prize. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Eucamer and sons, Arnold and Everett; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bohmbeck and daughter, Margaret; Arline, Harriette, Shirley Jean and Jeanette of Stockton, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lamsack of Sunbury, Mr. and Mrs. William Kappler and daughter Roberta and son, Junior of Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Platt and son Wayne of Blue Grass, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Untiedt and sons, Herbert and Allen of Walcott, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kappler and sons, Robert and Wayne, and Norma, Duane, Faren and Nelda Egel.

The Christmas pageant entitled, "The Boy Who Saw The Christ Child," will be presented at the Pleasant Prairie Presbyterian Church Sunday evening by the young people.

The Fulton Township Farm Bureau Women held an all day meeting at the home of Mrs. Harry Berodt. Mrs. Grayce Stevens, home demonstration agent, gave the second lesson, "Diet for the Pre-School Child and Care of Children's Teeth" which is one of a series of five lessons to be given. An examination of the last lesson, which was "The Expectant Mother's Diet," was given to the members. The next meeting will be Jan. 15, at the home of Mrs. Carl Zenneke and will be "The Lungs." Every one attending the meeting is expected to bring a school lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Herman went to Muscatine Thursday afternoon where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Hermann's uncle, Mr. George Lohr.

Among those from this vicinity who spent Thursday in Davenport were: Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bernick, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Paul, Henry Jenkins, Edwin Jenkins, Ralph Jenkins, and Gerald Grimm.

Mr. and Mrs. George Albee and sons, Bobby and Billy visited at the John Jenkins home Thursday.

Members of the rural telephone lines of Pleasant Prairie met with Arthur Mathews, a representative of the Bell Telephone Company, at the Pleasant Prairie Savings Bank, Thursday evening. Mr. Mathews presented the plan by which the Bell Telephone Company would take over the rural lines. No definite plans were made.

Mrs. Anna Jenkins, who has been ill at her home for the past week, is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ott entertained a number of friends Thursday evening at a surprise party in honor of their daughter, Ella, eighteenth birthday. The evening was spent playing five hundred, high honors going to Mrs. Pete Strunk, second to Ervin Strunk, and third prize to Mrs. Rudolph Strunk. The drawing prize was won by Ella Ott.

The guests presented Miss Ott with a lovely gift. Refreshments were served by the Junior Ball Team was well attended. John McCullough had high honors for men with a score of 4530 and received one half ton of coal donated by Claus Thomson. Floyd Nicewander also had a score of 4530 but lost first prize in the draw. He received a card table donated by the Pleasant Prairie Bank. Third prize went to E. Fuller of Muscatine with a score of 4250. He received a frost shield donated by A. H. Caviezel. Carl Walters of Muscatine received fourth prize, which was a quart of ice cream donated by A. H. Caviezel. His score was 4080.

The ladies high score was won by Miss Alma Kretschmar, who had a score of 4020. She received a sack of Purina donated by Wm. Hermann and Co., second prize was awarded to Mrs. C. A. Bernick with a score of 4380, who received a card table donated by Pleasant Prairie Savings Bank. Mrs. Adam Paul had a score of 4150 and received third prize, which was a sack of flour donated by Robert Bennett. Fourth prize went to Miss Ida Marts whose score 4100. She received a quart of ice cream donated by A. H. Caviezel. The ball was donated by the Pleasant Prairie Company. The team cleared approximately \$25 which they will use to defray their expenses for the coming season.

Miss Alice Jenkins teacher of the Asbury school, presented her pupils in a Christmas program Friday evening. The program consisted of songs, recitations, dialogues and harmonica selections. Lunch was sold and the proceeds will be used for school supplies. Those taking part in the program were: Jane Lowlor, Rosie Keller, Raymond Kuhl, John Druhl, Violet Jens, Frank Keller, George Kuehl, Victor Drenson, William Keller, Alice Kuhl, Robert Ralls, Dorothy Strobbel, Hildegarde Keller, Clarence Kuhl, and Velma Ruge.

Those attending the program from this community were: Mamie Reimers, Maude Pace, Helen Jenkins, Mary Jenkins, Aletha Paul, Kathryn Jenkins, Myrtle Jenkins, Harry Yarek, Pete Barnes, Ray Nagel Walter Baker, Lyall Paul, Earl McElroy, Gerald Grimm, Vaughn McElroy, Edwin Jenkins, Walter Grimm, James Wathan, Harvey Schroeder, Ralph Jenkins, George Caviezel, and Mr. and Mrs. John Jenkins.

LARGEST STATE CAPITOL?
The Texas state house at Austin is said to be the largest state capitol in the United States. It was built between 1881 and 1889 by Chicago capitalists in return for 3,000,000 acres of land. The site of Austin itself was selected by a commission appointed in 1836 by the republic of Texas to find the most attractive spot within the boundaries of the country for the seat of government.

LONE TREE

LONE TREE, Ia., Dec. 22 (Special)—News of the death of her sister, Mrs. C. E. Reeves, who passed away at the Corpus Christi, Texas, had been received here by her sister, Mrs. Lucy Stonebarger. Mrs. Reeves had gone to Texas to spend the winter and receive treatments for rheumatism. She had returned recently from Greenwich, Calif., where she lived for three years, visiting here about two months ago.

Mrs. Reeves was formerly Ella Ogilvie, having been born and raised at Lone Tree, the daughter of Dr. J. Ogilvie, prominent physician here at one time. She was 61 years old. Surviving are her husband, C. E. Reeves, Jr., Elmira, N. Y.; F. W. Reeves, Chicago; Ellis Reeves, Lexington, Kentucky; Mrs. Robt. Dibble, Chicago; Mrs. Orley Laughlin, Colman, S. D.

The remains were taken to their old home at St. Lawrence, S. D., for burial.

LONE TREE, Ia., Dec. 22 (Special)—Pupils of the Lone Tree school will present a Christmas program tonight under the direction of the teacher, Kathryn Meade. The following numbers will be given: Welcome—Leo Saleminik. "Everybody Satisfied" (Dialogue) Song—School. "When Company Comes" (Recitation)—Eugene O'Toole. Christmas at Stebbins' Flat, Act I (Play). Mrs. Pennington's call (Recitation)—Bernadine Saleminik. Christmas at Stebbins' Flat, Act II (Recitations included in Act I). "A Child's Hardship"—Leo Saleminik. "Too Many Presents"—Francis Milder. "What Will Santa Do?" Cecil Schaeppel. Tableau: Pa Looks Pleasant. Sweetie to the Sweet. Early on Christmas Morning. Uncle Jim's Presents. Santa's Helpers (Playlet). Song and Pantomime of "Silent Night." Distribution of Presents.

GRAND VIEW

GRANDVIEW, Ia., Dec. 22.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Everett Reed and son, Giles, spent Thursday afternoon and evening at the home of their son, Gerald Reed and family.

Nuet Tharp finished hauling rock on the cemetery road east of Grandview Thursday.

Mrs. Schweizer who has been on the sick list for some time is not so well at present.

Mrs. Fred Bonnichsen who was operated on for appendicitis in Muscatine is improving.

Mrs. Jess Jarvis was a business caller in Wapello Thursday.

Floyd McGill and Giles Reed, who were quite large red fox Thursday, this is the second one that has been shot this week. Floyd McGill added another to this list Saturday morning.

Virgil Bonnichsen and mother accompanied by two friends were business callers in Iowa City, Friday.

Thursday evening the Women's Bible Class held their class meeting at the church. After the business class meeting they exchanged gifts.

Mrs. Panny Shew returned to her home in Grandview after caring for Mrs. Holgreen and baby of near Mediapolis. Mrs. Holgreen was formerly Daisy Schweitzer of this city.

The condition of Mrs. Mary Young remains critical. She appeared to be getting along fairly well but the last few days is not gaining.

Miss Ruth Smith a graduate of Grandview high school and who is now employed in Muscatine attended the basketball game here Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. William Allen and son, Clifford and family visited relatives in Muscatine.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thompson called on her sister, Mrs. Ingram of Letts.

Miss Stephens who is employed at the Henry Shively home for a few hours visit with her parents.

Mrs. Howard Buster has been quite sick at the home of her mother, Mrs. Chas. Connor.

Christmas Eve the children of the Grandview Community church will "The Bells are Ringing," choir; Invocation, Rev. Lewis; "Welcome," Danny Jones; exercise song, Beginning class; exercise, Betty Rexroth, Birdie Brown; recitation, "Guess What I'm Holding," Richard Buster.

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CONESVILLE

CONESVILLE, Ia., Dec. 22.—(Special)—The following men attended the Verne Hanft sale, which was held near Columbus Junction Friday: G. N. Bullis, Robert Maxwell, C. F. Everett, C. A. McCormick, Jim Reynolds and Ernest Wagner. George E. Jarrard was a visitor in Wapello, Friday.

Le Roy Orris of Columbus Junction is spending a few days this week at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McCormick.

There was a Christmas program at the Eaker schoolhouse Saturday evening.

The Juniors, seniors and the faculty held a party at the C. M. Estle home Thursday evening.

There was a community Christmas sing at the Methodist church Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Regular preaching services were held at 7:30.

Isabelle McCormick was a caller in Columbus Junction Thursday evening.

The schools closed Friday for a week's vacation. A gift exchange was held in the different rooms Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Clara Hesselbine and Miss Florence Hesselbine were callers in Columbus Junction Friday.

Miss Emma Beck came from Davenport for a visit at her home here.

TIPTON

TIPTON, Ia., Dec. 20.—The Iowa Railway and Light Co. of Cedar Rapids has been sounding the river at Rochester trying to locate a place for a dam. A suitable place has been found about three quarters of a mile above the Rochester bridge almost opposite the Miami cottage. The width at this place is about fifteen hundred feet and the dam will be about twenty-seven foot high. This will generate about six thousand kilowatts of electricity. All land along the right of way has been arranged for and as soon as the weather permits work will be started on the dam.

The annual Christmas party of the (Central) was held at the home of Mrs. J. C. Leatherberry on Thursday. After a social afternoon we all gathered around the Christmas tree and Santa had a gift for all. After this a delicious dinner was served by the hostess.

Mrs. L. E. Casterline and Miss Grace Paxon are spending several days in Chicago attending grand opera and visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hasemeyer, of Rockford.

TAYLOR RIDGE

TAYLOR RIDGE, Ill., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Cyrus McCormick, daughters, Elsie and Julia, Mrs. Joe Brussel and Mrs. Arthur Miller were Rock Island visitors one day this week.

Mrs. Elmer Dunlap, daughter, Betty, Mrs. Elmer Patterson, Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Conrad Brown visited in Rock Island this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Zeimer and son spent a few days this week at the home of Mrs. Noble Zeimer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Claus Mungerson spent a couple of days this week at the home of Mrs. Russell Perry in Rock Island.

Mrs. Edward Fuhr spent Wednesday with Mrs. Edgar Muchow at St. Anthony's hospital. Mrs. Muchow underwent a tonsil operation that day and will be confined to the hospital for a few days.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church held their meeting on Thursday afternoon at the church. A potluck lunch was served and an exchange of gifts was enjoyed. Each member of the society brought a friend with them to this meeting to enjoy the afternoon with them.

Mrs. Conrad Brown is suffering from an attack of the rheumatism.

primary song; recitation, Nell Weigle; exercise, "Sweetest Name," six children; pantomime, Leola Yount, Betty Decker, Laura Becker, Jean Weir, Duane McGill, and Richard Buster; dialogue, L. W. Class; "Santa's Shower," thirteen children; recitation, "A Christmas Gift," Richard Haroff; star drill, Sunbeam class; recitation, "Times Have Changed," Duane McGill; exercise, "The Guiding Star," six girls; collection, Dolores Connor; closing thanks, Mark Shellabarger; "Blessed Tidings," choir.

BAYFIELD

BAYFIELD, Dec. 22.—(Special)—A program of Christmas selections was presented under the auspices of the Kalorama school at the Bloomington Grange hall Friday night. The numbers were as follows:

*Song, "Old Christmas," school; A visit from Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus; Esther Beatty and Norman Leslake; recitation, "A Christmas Eve Thought," Paul Jewett; song, "A Christmas Star," Alice Kemble; recitation, "The Baby Jesus," Margaret Oefendorf; exercise, "Santa's Little Son," Eugene Newton, Harold Smith, Ralph McCannaha, Allen Newton, Earl Jewett, LeRoy Jewett, Richard Bush; dialog, "Mr. St. Nicholas," Bobby Smith, Francis McCannaha, Paul Weik, Ernest Beatty, Norton Wymer, Norman Testrake, Eugene Newton, Alice Kemble, Louise Kacz, Francis Jewett; recitation, "No Room," Dorothy Kemble; song,

"Christmas Bells," school; "A Christmas Bedtime Story," Betty Hess; recitation, "Christmas Questions," Richard Bush; exercise, "Now's the Time for Clapping," Lou-raine Busch, Rose Anna Kiebe, Betty Hess; playlet, "The Christmas Fairy," Betty Hess, Norman Testrake, Dorothy Kemble, Norton Wymer, Virginia Newton; recitation, "If I had Lived in Bethlehem," Esther Beatty; tableau, "Star of the East," by five boys and a chorus. The rest of the program was given by local musicians and Miss Constance Brown of Muscatine.

The marriage of Miss Dorothy Weiss, daughter of Mrs. Ernest Dollman, 901 East Tenth street to Glenn Shield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shield, rural route 4 is announced. The wedding took place November 1st at Iowa City.

The bride was attended by Miss Louise Fuhr of Muscatine, and Walter Albrecht of Iowa City attended the bridesroom. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Shield will reside on a farm near Bayfield.

Mrs. Charles King has returned to her home after visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Lorber, 811 Roscoe avenue, Muscatine.

Mrs. Alfred Geis is visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. John Harper, near Bayfield.

Mrs. John Baker and daughter, Mary and Viola near Bayfield, Mr. Fred Lorber, 811 Roscoe avenue, Muscatine and Mrs. Herbert Gettler, 22 Parkington Drive, Muscatine, were business callers in Davenport.

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BROWN LISTS FIRE HAZARDS FOR HOLIDAYS

Fire Department Chief Offers Suggestions To Avoid Fires

Christmas fires which each year result in considerable suffering and property damage may be avoided by a strict observance of suggestions offered by fire officials according to Fire Chief J. J. Brown. Avoidable fire dangers and carelessness are mainly to blame, he says.

Chief Brown warns against holiday fire dangers by listing some of the precautions the national board of fire underwriters has found most necessary at this time:

Inflammable decorations should not be draped from or attached to electric or gas fixtures.

SECOLO ANCHOR TREES

The Christmas tree should be securely anchored to a heavy, solid base and set away from heating or lighting fixtures.

Avoid all inflammable tree decorations and do not use lighted candles.

If electric lights are used on the tree be sure all connections are properly insulated and that the "pull wire" leading into the wall socket is knotted inside the plug. This will prevent the wires from being skinned and remaining exposed when the power is repeatedly disconnected.

Do not allow children to meddle with the tree lights or with connections on electric toys.

Keep matches and volatile fluids out of the reach of the children, and do not give them toys requiring alcohol, naphtha or gasoline to operate.

BE READY FOR FIRE

Keep a fire extinguisher or pail of water ready for instant use. Keep the fireplace well screened. Do not allow the electric lights in the house to be turned on for long at a time.

Disconnect the power on all lighted decorations, including the tree, when leaving the house or retiring for the night. Extinguish the hearth fire at the same time.

Stores are expected to take special precautions during the holiday season by removing fire hazards, thereby preventing liability or injury and loss of life by fire.

If inflammable material in stores is well guarded from fire and placed in sections from which the crowds may quickly escape the safety of the public will be increased.

SPECIAL GUARDS HELP

Special guards to direct people and keep exits and aisles as free as possible by some systematic plan, will prevent unnecessary crowding and disturbance and make it possible to clear the premises quickly and in an orderly manner in case of emergency.

Intelligent preparation will reduce fire danger to a minimum during the holiday season.

The advent of the inflammable nitrate motion picture film for use in toy projection machines for children presents a most serious hazard which should be restricted to standard fire-resistant projection booths.

WELTON

WELTON, Ia., Dec. 20.—Mrs. James Robson is numbered among the sick. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Saunders and children enjoyed a duck supper in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Mattas, Wednesday evening.

The Ladies Aid Society was entertained, Thursday, afternoon in the home of Mrs. Jack King. A collection was tied by the ladies and a Christmas tree enjoyed each member having brought some useful gift or toy to be placed on the tree, after which all of these gifts together with the comforter were sent to an orphanage, to be used in helping the needy.

Christmas vacation began, Friday 19th, and closes the 28th, school resuming again December 29th.

The FORBIDDEN DOOR — by Herman Landon

grandfather than I do of my father. I was fond of dad and I believe he was fond of me. But he didn't always understand each other. I'm afraid I wasn't a very good son, Mr. Curry.

Mr. Curry fixed him with a kind-by gaze.

"I don't think you need have any scruples on that point. One of the last things he said to me, was that he wished he had been a better father to you. Maybe each of you in this place, was better than he knew."

"I never got any clear details of his death," Mr. Curry said.

"And I have none to give. You see, he just went away and didn't come back. My own opinion is that he left town to attend to some private matter and met with an accident—perhaps drowning. I knew your father well, and I am certain of some things. He did not disappear deliberately. If he were alive he would have come back."

Hannan's next question came hesitantly, as if he uttered it only to rid his mind of a disagreeable thought.

"You don't think he met with any sort of foul play?"

Mr. Curry's answer was not as emphatic as might have been expected.

"The police who investigated the matter didn't think so. However, I am still making inquiries in a very quiet way, in certain directions. You see, though there is no doubt in my mind, there is no legal proof of death. There's years from now—seven years from his death—the courts may declare him legally dead unless some assumption to the contrary should arise in the meantime. But the likelihood of such an assumption arising is very slight."

Hannan scanned his face, wondering if he had told that was on his mind.

"Whenever you are in need of funds," Mr. Curry began.

"Thanks," and Hannan brightened a little, but I don't need anything at present. The pearl lagoon turned out a success."

He went out. Mr. Curry sighed, looked moodily into space, and picked up his wooden cigar.

The Blue Envelope

Hannan walked out into sunshine that seemed all the brighter by contrast with the gloom that had entered his mood during his talk with Mr. Curry. He stepped to the edge of the sidewalk, looked up at the sky, and hummed a little tune beneath his breath, and half regretted that the girl in the navy-blue suit was not there watching him in the office. Yet, who could tell in this swirling, joyous, speed-mad procession the individual was lost in the multitude, easily be a pair of eyes subjecting him to a furtive espionage. As he walked he was musing.

He permitted himself to be caught up and carried along by the torrent of pedestrians. He walked with a loose, easy stride, as if his joints were on hinges and his muscles were very soft. His thoughts as he swung along were both bewildering and exhilarating. He had been in the tropics only twenty-four hours, and already the wheels—that hummed a rhythm of excitement and mystery. In his pocket was a letter which made him the sole custodian of a secret handed down by his grandfather. Somebody was taking enough interest in him to have his movements watched, and he was at a loss to understand why. The only thing that made him a figure of importance, as far as Hannan could see, was the letter in his pocket and the affairs connected with it. Perhaps the explanation was to be found in the letter.

He slipped his pocket to make sure there was still there. The more he thought of it, the stronger grew his curiosity. He was tempted to read it at once, but he remembered that he had promised to keep it confidential communication, and as yet he was in no mood to go back to the hotel.

Presently he turned into a narrow, very crooked street, flanked by buildings that looked centuries old. It was less crowded here, as he walked on the shining floor of the traffic, and the noise of the city was dying down. In a corner of his eye, he saw a sign that read "The establishment on the ground floor was evidently a restaurant. It had a faded sign, and the windows gave it a cozy and inviting

air. He decided to go in and read the grandfather's letter over a cup of coffee and a sandwich.

A stocky, lynx-eyed individual standing at the door gave him a sharp glance. The interior was a long, dim room with small tables arranged in rows and atrocious lithographs on the walls. A few people were partaking of refreshments, and they were served by a hunchback with a soiled apron who moved so quickly that Hannan knew he must be wearing rubber soles. For that matter, the entire place was so quiet that the buzzing of a fly caught on an adhesive strip hanging from the ceiling sounded curiously loud.

Hannan selected a table at one of the windows where the light was good enough to permit him to read. The hunchback, after inspecting him from a discreet distance, came forward, and took his order, shrugging his misshapen shoulders as he turned away. Hannan reached into his pocket for the letter, but his hand came out empty. The letter was still there, but he had suddenly conceived an aversion to reading it in this place. The atmosphere somehow did not seem just right, and his reluctance grew when two shrewd individuals entered and sat down at the next table.

After a considerable wait his order arrived. The coffee was vile, the sandwich stale and tough, and a sip and a bite were enough. Hannan signaled the waiter and called for his bill.

"Two dollars, mister," the waiter said sulkily.

With a grin Hannan took a half dollar from his pocket, flipped it in the air and let it fall on the table. "There's your pay," he said quietly. "Even at that rate you will be riding in a Rolls-Royce some day. Take it or leave it."

He got up, stretched his slack-jointed figure in a manner that was anything but graceful, and walked into the hunchback's sullen face.

"Goin' to let the cheap-skate get away with it, George?" asked one of the huckies who had just entered, fixing Hannan with an ugly sneer.

Hannan had started to leave, but now he turned back. With a contemptuous gesture and the remark that there wasn't enough in the hunchback's put the half dollar in his pocket. Hannan, looking at his stick over his arm, lighted a cigarette and stood calmly awaiting developments.

Then imitation sports make me sick," remarked the bellows newcomer to his companion. "Pim him. Don't let a tattered old fellow with blue-eyed babe come to town for a naughty time. Don't he think he's the whole show, though—the dough-faced huck? Bet he sells ribbons and watches, too."

"Aw, forrit it," advised the hunchback. "We don't want no rough stuff."

But the belligerent one to the evident approval of his companion, remarked his uncompromising remarks. When he had listened a while, Hannan put his cane on the table, sauntered forward, and administered an emphatic tweak to the speaker's nose.

For a moment or two the bully sat motionless, as if utterly flabbergasted by such a mode of attack, then sprang to his feet with a roar.

"You little rat—" He got no farther. Hannan, with the smile still on his lips, let his foot cut the bully's nose. "Take that," he said, "and that—that—that."

Four times his fist shot out, landing one punch on each eye and two on the bully's mouth. It was a particularly ugly mouth, and so it received particular attention. The big man tried to fight back, and his blows would have proved devastating if they had landed.

None of them did, for Hannan was always somewhere else when they fell. For good measure he administered a third jab to the jaw, watched the bully go down, saw a dazed look come into the brute's face, and then he turned to his second adversary, a red-faced man with a wart on his nose.

The other customers were moving up from the rear of the room to witness the excitement. The hunchback was strutting about and wildly proclaiming that there must be no rough stuff. The second man had been a little slow getting into action, for it had taken him a minute or so to recover from his surprise at Hannan's sudden transformation from a gentle and peaceful youth to a hard-hitting combatant. Now he came forward, jerked a blackjack from his pocket, and aimed a blow at the side of Hannan's head—and in the

next instant let out a yell of terrible pain.

Hannan laughed. He had caught the red-faced man's wrist just in time. He had twisted it expertly in a manner he had learned in the Far East, and the blackjack had fallen to the floor. Now his fist drew a jet of crimson from his antagonist's nose, and the latter fell back, blinded.

Hannan waited a minute to renew the attack, but evidently a good deal of their natural pugnacity had been drained out of them. Then he picked up his stick, smiled in the consciousness of a job well performed, and walked out.

The street glimmered pleasantly in the blinding sunshine, for it was now late afternoon. Hannan's veins tingled agreeably as he swung down the crooked thoroughfare. He reached into his inside breast pocket. The blue envelope was still there.

Hannan chuckled a little. No great shrewdness was required to understand that the two bullies had followed him to the restaurant with the intention of picking a fight with him. One of them in particular had gone out of his way to be offensive. Hannan was certain they had not sought a quarrel with him just because they loved to fight. No, they must have been actuated by a deeper and more practical motive. By a process of elimination he arrived at the blue envelope as the only possible explanation. It was a little difficult to understand how they could have known it was in his possession, even granting that they realized its importance, but what else could they have been after?

He was approaching Broadway, and the traffic was thickening. The crowds no longer thrilled him, and he was anxious to be back at his hotel so he could read the letter. A taxi cruised leisurely along, and he signaled it. It drew up to the sidewalk, and the driver leaped out and opened the door, but a strange and unreasonable hesitancy seemed to have fallen upon Hannan. He looked back the length of half a block. Another taxi had stopped back there, and at a moment's glance he saw a woman point in his direction as she climbed inside.

"I've changed my mind," said the driver, and tossed the driver a quarter for his trouble.

He sauntered back to the other taxi. It had just started but stopped with a squeal of brakes as a policeman's whistle cleared the way for the transverse traffic. Hannan looked into the cab. A woman was seated there, looking very prim in a severe black hat and a tailored suit of some gray material. A pair of heavy shell-rimmed glasses accentuated her stiff, uncompromising appearance. As far as Hannan could see, she might have been a school teacher on a sight-seeing jaunt.

Hannan glanced at the driver, who was lighting a cigarette while waiting for the signal to proceed. Then he opened the door.

"Why, hello!" he exclaimed, and unceremoniously climbed in—and sat down beside the occupant of the cab. She had been looking out into the street, and now she turned to him with a gasp and a half-stifled exclamation.

"No use paying two taxi fares when we are both traveling in the same direction," Hannan pointed out. "But you had better change your order to the driver, or he will be following an empty cab."

"Sir?" she demanded freezingly, with a startled and hostile look. "What do you mean by such conduct?"

Hannan regarded her severe garb with a critical eye. "I don't like those goggles," was his frank comment. "And those glasses—ugh! You looked much nicer this morning."

"I don't know what you are talking about," she gave him a cold and threatening look. "And unless you leave this cab instantly I shall call a policeman."

A whistle shrilled. A tightly packed mass of vehicles, their own amon'then, shot forward like chariots in a race. Hannan opened the door and leaped out.

"The Illington," he shouted.

The driver nodded stolidly. He had started with one passenger, and now he had two, but such things held no novelty for him. Hannan turned again to his companion.

"Do you always change your speech along with your dress?" he inquired. "I don't know which I like better—the slang you used this morning, or the schoolmarm chatter you are trying to work off on me now."

Their eyes met. There was a trace of anger in the girl's, but suddenly she burst out laughing. It was a very

"And you are an amazing young woman. I wonder—"

A sudden screech of brakes cut him short. He caught a fractional glimpse of a touring car turning in from a side street and rounding the corner at a law-defying pace. Their cab stopped so sharply that Hannan, who was leaning forward, pitched forward. The girl pitched forward. In the narrow space, while the cab shook from the sudden jolting of the brakes, they struggled to regain their feet. The girl moaned a little, and Hannan, as he tried to assist her, wondered if she was hurt.

"All right?" he asked, lifting her to the seat.

"Yes, all right now. I got a bad shaking up—that's all."

The driver of their cab proceeded after rounding the corner, the careless operator of the touring car. Neither seemed inclined to talk after the excitement. It was growing late, and in the dusky interior of the cab the girl did not notice the whimsical smile on her companion's lips. Soon they drew up in front of the Illington. The driver descended and held the door open. Hannan carried out the amount of the fare, adding a tip.

"If you please—" he said gently, and before his companion could resist he had taken her bag from her, opened it, and extracted the blue envelope. Chuckling, he went into the hotel and ascended to his room, read his grandfather's letter.

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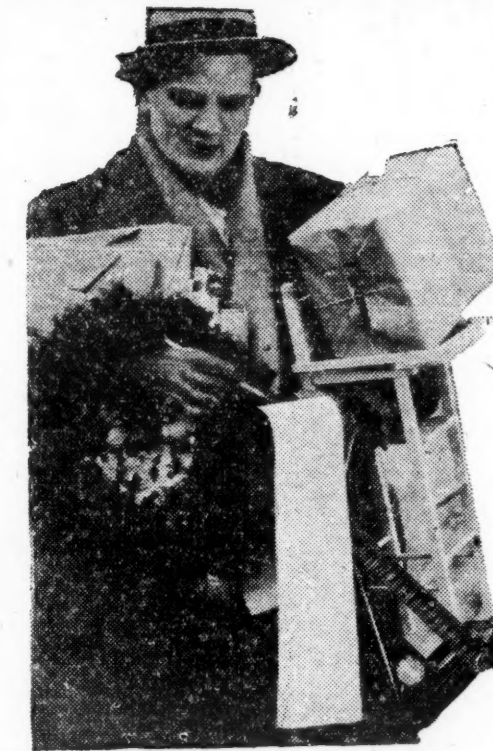


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LOCAL CHURCH WORKERS PLAN ONE DAY MEET

Leaders in religious work in Muscatine and vicinity will take part in a one day inter-church institute to be held at the First Baptist church here Wednesday, Dec. 31. Various conferences are scheduled on the day's program.

Registration will start at 9:15 a. m. in charge of Mrs. E. L. Nichols, county secretary and treasurer. Mrs. Nichols will speak at 9:30 on the subject "The Needs of Muscatine County Church Schools and How This Institute May Help Us." Morning devotionals will be conducted by the Rev. C. G. Lewis, pastor of the Community church at Grandview, from 9:40 to 9:55.

Superintendents of the various schools will be in charge of the separate conferences. Miss Gladys Sissel will lead the children's division; the Rev. Tom Fogelson, pastor of the First Christian church, the young people's division; Mrs. Jacob Stellrecht, the adult division; George Sauer, administrative division; and the Rev. Philip Hahn, religious education division.

ROUND TABLE PLANNED

A round table will be conducted by the Rev. Mr. Hahn during one session, the subject of which will be "The Daily Vacation Bible School and Its Possibilities," and at another session on the subject, "The Teacher Training Class."

Papers will be read by seven young people representing each one of the seven districts, all of whom will read a paper on "Our Conception of A Sunday School Teacher and His or Her Task," at 10:35. Those to appear on the program are Kenneth Wagner, Elmaro Hahn, Dale Foster, Albert Helster, Doris Poole, Donald Connor and Hilda Thaler.

From 11:30 to 1 o'clock, a luncheon will be served by the Ladies Aid society of the First Baptist church.

CONFERENCE IN AFTERNOON

The Rev. H. W. Metfield, past pastor of the First Congregational church, will lead the devotional services for the afternoon at 1:15. M. W. Swan, of West Liberty, vice president of the county council, will at 1:30 conduct a demonstration of a "Workers' Conference." Separate conferences with the same leaders will be held at 2:15. The Lang-Hahn male quartet will sing at 3 o'clock and at 3:10 a consecration period will be held, led by the Rev. Caleb Larson of Illinois City. F. C. Cullough, president of the county council, will present the subject, "Adventures in Leadership in Muscatine County" at 3:45.

All church school teachers and officers are especially invited to attend the sessions. Churches of Grandview and Letts and in Illinois will also send delegates.

A special evening service has been arranged especially for the young people of the city and for the county churches which do not have watch night services.

Bridge-Auction and Contract

By the Authority
MILTON C. WORK

A FINESSING POINTER

With the above hand South bid one Club and North bid three No Trumps. That completed the Contract Bridge bidding.

At Auction, after South's Club, North would have been the declarer with a bid of one No Trump. In the play, East led the Four of Hearts, and West's King was captured by North's Ace. North then led a Club, winning in dummy; and the Trey of Spades was the next lead from dummy. The Jack finesse being taken, East won with the Queen and continued the Hearts, establishing the suit. After that, all that the Declarer took was two Spades and one Club; so he won only six tricks in all.

Do you see how this catastrophe could have been avoided?

THE CORRECT PLAY

North, winning the first trick, should have appreciated that even if he could succeed in establishing South's fourth Spade and his Spade Jack finesse would win, it would give him a total of eight tricks only—four Spades, two Hearts and two Clubs. The chances were against the establishment of the Spade because six adverse cards are usually divided 4-2. Exactly the same percentage of chance was against establishment of dummy's Clubs but success in an effort to make them good would have netted two extra tricks instead of one, and only three Spades would have been needed for game.

A club from North and a duck in dummy should have been the play to trick 2. When the adversaries won that and led a Heart, North, winning, should have led the Ace of Spades before continuing the Clubs. Supposing that he succeeded in taking four Club tricks, he would want to take three Spade tricks in addition. It is always wise if possible to postpone a finesse until the second round, so North should have led the Ace of Spades before South led small for the finesse. East's singleton Spade Queen furnishes a good illustration of the wisdom of this move; as the Clubs were evenly divided, it would have resulted in game.

WATERS AT NIAGARA

The depth of the water at the crest of the American fall at Niagara measures from 1 1/2 to 4 feet under usual conditions, but sometimes the water is set back by northerly winds so that the falls are almost dry. The depth at the Horse-shoe fall is not definitely known.

Society Folks

The pageant, "Joy Bells" was given by the Sabbath school of the First Presbyterian church last evening. The part of "Joy" was presented by Willodine Ginery with Ethel Avis Hendricks acting as program leader.

The arrangements of the service was as follows:

Prelude, orchestra.
Song, "Crown Him King," chorus.
Christmas story and prayer.
Song, "All Hail to Christmas."
Herald, George Parks, George Gallaher, Douglas Randelman, Billie and Bobbie Liebbe, John Thompson.
Song, "Christmas Time Is Here," beginner chorists, Barbara Wells.

"Merry Christmas," Barbara Wells.
American children, Virginia Hootman, Theresa Gallaher, Jean Wislun, Robert Schmalz, Robert Wilson, Myron Brower.
Indian boy, Harold Cochran; Eskimo boy, Garry Stein; girl from India, Dorothy Schwartz; African boy, Jack Ohlson; Chinese girl, Norma Allen; Japanese girl, Earlene McGinnis.

Christmas symbols: Christmas tree, Lucille Hootman; tinsel, Phyllis Snyder; wreath, Jacqueline George; Christmas candle, Marjorie Vanatta; Christmas wrappings, Virginia Rosenthal; Christmas bell, Lucille Steinmetz.
Song, "Listen to the Story," Dorothy Mark.
Star of Bethlehem: Hope, Ruth Ohlson; Joy, Ann Stein; Love, Margaret Romig; Peace, Betty Leu; Truth, Katherine Weis; Life, Joann Vanatta.

Song, "Hail Star of Bethlehem," chorus.
Light the Christmas Candles: Love, Mary Elda Stein; Kindness, Charlotte Braun; Unselfishness, Lola Follson; Cheer, Alice Hill; Giver, Twila Schreurs; Service, Frances Rasmussen; Brotherhood, Birdie Sickman.

Song, "Search Thy Heart," chorus.
Christmas Joy Bells: Bell bearer, Elizabeth Meerdink; Clappers, Violet Klein, Jeanette Smalley, Martin Smalley, Marjorie Bosten, Leona Jamison.
Song, "Bells of Christmastide," chorus.

Ten Park Avenue Methodist Episcopal church presented a Christmas pageant at the Sunday evening service at 7:30.

The regular Christmas program will be on Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Mrs. Clyde Rabedaux, 503 Fairview avenue, was hostess to the Friday Luncheon club at a luncheon and bridge party, Friday afternoon. Those having high scores were Mrs. George Jehring and Mrs. Harold Pantel.

Lacy No. 3 school in Pike town.

ship has planned a Christmas program of song, recitation and drama for tonight, starting at 7:30 o'clock. There will be a gift exchange. Miss Frances Smith is the teacher.

The Sweetland Methodist church will present the cantata "The Messiah Comes" on Christmas eve.

The Mulford Congregational church presented a Christmas program Sunday evening. The arrangement of the program was as follows:

Song, Joy to the World, congregation; prayer, pastor; recitation, Hazel Heuer; "Big Enough," Robert Kuabier; "To Welcome Jesus," Leona Hart; "Tiny Tot," Junior Griesenbrock; exercise, "On Christmas Morn," by seven girls; "God's Gift," Ellen Davidson; "Differ't Customs," Jimmy Fahy; exercise, "What I Have Heard," by five boys; "The Christmas Telephone," Walter Berg; "The Boys of Bethlehem," Robert Schlipf; "I Love My Dolly," Ruth Elman; exercise, "If I Could be a Christmas Gift," by five girls.

In the pageant, "White Gifts for the King," the shepherd boy was enacted by Carl Hempstead; the shepherds were Milton Griesenbrock, Robert Hanson, William Holzhauer, and Paul McDaniel.

The leading angel was taken by Bernice Griesenbrock and the angels were Kathryn Nielson, Jean Stelzner, Frieda Kent, Howard Massey, June Beutler and Doris Elman.

The Madonnas were Mrs. Alma Brade; guardian angel, Nina Stelzner; wise men, Richard Berry, James Brown and Edward Vaupe; rich man, Harold Hanson; laborer, Leona Massey; princess, Mrs. Margaret Bridges; child, Gloria Gremmel; youth, Walter Philpott; maid, Betty Gremmel; leader of gift bearers, Iva DeCamp; torch bearer, June Beutler; service torch bearer, Melva Faulhaber; other gift bearers, Stanley Werner, William Drahos, Maxine Werner, Ralph Nielson, Marlin Schauland, Elizabeth Fullgrabe, Frances Smith, Walter Dittman, Una Kent, Mrs. Wm. Massey, Weidman McDaniel, Helen and Ruth Stelzner and Mabel Appel.

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First, the motor bus takes the passenger business away, then the motor truck cuts into the fuel business.

And then the government approved the building of the nine foot channel on the Mississippi and Missouri rivers.

At a recent meeting of the Railway Business Association in New York, Elisha Lee, Vice President of the Pennsylvania Railroad, made a plea for support of the Railroads by business men.

He asked the business men to oppose unjustified rate cuts, uneconomic competition by motor vehicles, and government subsidized competition by waterways.

Mr. Lee said, "American business is justly entitled to the benefit of all real advances in the art of transportation."

"But can we say that the country will be helped in the long run by subsidizing expensive artificial waterways, through taxation, and then compelling the Railroads to make through rates with them, short hauling themselves, and cutting their own revenues?"

"If these waterways are really needed, what justice or reason is there in a law which singles out the railroads, whose special business is that of transportation, as being one and only agency in the country forbidden to use them?"

"It is sound to allow wholly unregulated Motor Vehicle competition against the railroads for long distances?"

"Can the railroads as the principal tax payers of the country, continue to support these forms of competition against themselves?"

From another editorial:

"The Railroads are carrying a heavy burden, in times which strain the strongest enterprises. Their earnings have been greatly reduced, in some cases to a point which imperils solvency, or the credit upon which efficient operation depends."

They have for years been subjected to increasing competition of new forms of transport and also to a policy that of the Railroads, if they are given adequate means, not barely to meet taxation and fixed charges, but also to make necessary repairs, to improve roadbeds, rolling stock terminals etc."

The railroads are ordered to reduce their rates to the drought stricken districts.

Here is a story from the Decatur Herald and copied by the Chicago Tribune, of what the Railroads did for the farmers.

"The Railroads have been offering a great reduction in freight rates, on farm commodities, for the benefit of the drought sufferers."

They announce the low rates must be abandoned at the end of this month, because the roads cannot stand the loss of revenue.

This news seems to put a new light upon the contribution of the Railroads to drought relief.

When the scheme was first announced, we applauded politely as seemed becoming to an offer of sympathy by some important corporations toward a group of their customers.

That the offer would actually amount to anything in hard dollars and cents, to the farmers afflicted, we hardly expected, but if the railroads actually have been losing revenue by reason of their generosity, and must put a limit upon it to keep the drain upon them from going too far, then it appears that some farmers, in some of the drought area, have been receiving a substantial benefit.

And so they have, for it is announced that by the end of this month, a total of 60,000 cars will have been moved at the greatly reduced rate conceded by the roads.

The amount of the saving by any individual farmer cannot have been large, but it was real, in actual dollars and cents, that otherwise would have had to be paid on the spot in hard cash.

The sacrifice of income made by the railroads in order to perform this service was real, too, and in the great mass of political talk about doing something for the drought sufferers, it remains to this day about the only real contribution, and real sacrifice, anywhere recorded."

If the Railroads hauled 60,000 cars of freight for the drought sufferers at reduced rates, and the saving was only \$20.00 per car load, the total would be \$1,200,000 that the Railroads sacrificed. This amount would have paid considerable interest on their indebtedness.

When the nine foot channel is completed, the government propose to operate barges, supported from taxation, at 20 per cent below the railroad rates.

The Railroads are ordered to make a rail and river rate, when the nine foot channel is completed;

And this is the way it works—

Say a carload of freight originates in Minnesota, enroute to Texas. The railroads on a short haul carry it to St. Paul, and deliver to the barge lines; the latter

The Value of Railroads

Taxes paid by Railroads in 1929—\$396,682,634—which was 6.3 per cent of the total operating revenue.

Average number of employees in 1929—1,660,850.

Total compensation of employees in 1929—\$2,896,556,000.

This compensation was 46.13 per cent of gross revenue, and 64.28 of expenses.

Interest paid in 1928 amounted to \$618,218,031.

Compensation and interest amounted to over \$3,500,000,000 which is a considerable percentage of the purchasing power of the country.

This is the business that is threatened by the digging of the nine-foot channel, in the upper Mississippi and the Missouri rivers, the expense of digging and maintenance to be paid from taxation.

Barge lines to be paid for from taxation.

If there are any losses from operation, they will be paid from taxation.

Who will pay the losses to the Railroads from this competition?

The investing public and the business of the country.

If the railroads are crippled, the business of the whole country is crippled. Reduce the earning capacity of the railroads and you reduce their efficiency, and investors will refuse to buy their bonds, with disorganization the result.

carry it to some Southern port, and deliver to the Railroads enroute to some City in Texas.

The Railroads get two short hauls, and do the business at a loss, and lose the long haul which they are entitled to.

At the same time, the Railroads equipped to make the long haul remain in-operative.

A competent authority states that there are 30,000 miles of Railroads in this country that are an economic burden, because the traffic is unprofitable, and yet the Railroads are compelled to operate them.

Mr. Patrick Hurley, Secretary of War, has been making an inspection trip over the Mississippi River, with army engineers.

He is reported to have told the people at the recent Waterways meeting in St. Louis that the Railroads should not object to government operation of the barge lines, because the Railroads received bonuses and land grants in the early day.

He did not say anything about the land being worthless, unless the railroads developed it.

However, regarding his statement of Land Grants to the Railroads in the early day, President Fred W. Sargent of C. and N. W. Railway, at a round table conference, held at the New Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C. made the following remarks, as reported in the Nations Business for May 20, 1930.

"Restrictions imposed on Railroads prevent them from competing with government barge lines, and inter-coastal water carriers, operating through the Panama Canal."

—He asserted that if these restrictions were removed, the Railroads could make rates lower than the barge rates.

"It is un-American and unfair to tax the Railroads, to support a competing transportation agency."

Answering a statement that the Railroads had benefited by land grant aids, Mr. Sargent said these aids had been paid for, and would be paid for again because the Government had driven a sharp bargain, in requiring land grant Railroads to carry government freight at rates 50 per cent lower than regular commercial rates and mail at 20 per cent lower than regular rates, as long as they operated.

At this same meeting, Samuel O. Dunn, editor of "Railway Age," said that experience and available data indicate that "With few exceptions, due to unusual conditions, transportation on improved rivers and canals always had been more expensive than by rail, and probably always will be."

"The only cost paid for the transportation of freight by rail is the freight rate charged," he said. "Transportation by inland waterway really has two costs. The public pays the interest on the investment made in improving the waterway and building terminals, and the expense of maintaining them. The shipper pays for the actual movement of freight."

"The nation's railway system is being efficiently operated and is equal to the demands made upon it," he said. "When it is proposed to develop another system of transportation by spending public money, the burden of proving that this system can give cheaper service obviously rests upon those who made it."

"To say that development of waterways will 'cheapen transportation' because it will carry part of the nation's freight at lower rates simply evades the real issue. The cost of transportation, whether by airway, highway, waterway or railway, is the total amount that is paid to provide it, regardless of who pays all or any part of it. All the people directly or indirectly pay both taxes and freight rates. The question of the expediency of developing any inland waterway always is a question of taxation as well as of freight rates. The public is being urged to invest a large amount of capital in inland waterways."

"It ought not to invest it, or be asked to invest it, on incomplete information, and no information is complete if estimates of the reductions in freight rates are not accompanied by reliable estimates of the taxes the public must pay to obtain the rate reductions predicted."

Taxes—paid by Railroads to the following States in 1925.

New York	\$23,000,000
Illinois	\$21,000,000
Ohio	\$18,500,000
New Jersey	\$17,000,000
California	\$13,000,000

The Bus lines, the Motor Trucks, and Pipe lines—the Lake Steamships, and Coast Steamship lines, should all be under the same government control as the Railroads.

D. A. WILLIS

Muscatine, Iowa, December 15, 1930.

ROPER SEES GRID COLLAPSE UNLESS METHODS CHANGED

SAYS TRAINING TOO MUCH FOR COLLEGE BOYS

Dr. Butler of Columbia Favors Abolition of Gate Receipts

By COPENLAND C. BURG
NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—(INS)—The college football as it is now conducted not only faces radical change but may shortly be engaged in a battle for its very existence as indicated today in two fresh attacks of the gridiron pastime.

W. W. (Bill) Roper, former Princeton coach, one of the finest characters that ever gave a "right talk" to an eleven and a man who is extremely well respected, sees a decline and possible utter collapse of the game if present methods are continued, while Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, cracked things wide open with a recommendation for abolition of gate receipts for college sports.

Roper, who is the man so beloved at Princeton that he inspired a weak and tottering eleven to play a vastly superior Yale squad clear off its feet a few weeks ago, warned in a speech before the Middle States Athletic conference in Philadelphia on Saturday that football will die within five years unless the intensive and long training of football teams was not stopped.

Long Practice Wrong
This business of having six, eight and ten weeks of practice is all wrong; it interferes with other sports," said Roper. "A youth in college should have the right to turn out for the athletics he likes best. There should be an all around program for the boy."

Dr. Butler, in his annual report this morning, advocated abolishing of gate receipts and establishment of an "athletic league of nations" among colleges to root out professionalism and "other abuses."

"There are some things more important than gate receipts," he said. Dr. Butler suggested that as a substitute for the "gate" that alumni furnish the funds to finance college sports. Mr. Butler urged that the "league of nations" attempt to put football and other sports on the basis on which rowing is now conducted. The president of Columbia would put the administration of the same in the power of the centralized "league."

It is quite likely that the warning of Roper and the recommendation of Dr. Butler will get some attention at the meeting next week of the National College Athletic association in New York.

Roper Predicts Revolt
Roper predicted a revolt of football players themselves if the intensive grind and ballyhoo of football was continued. One may safely assume that back in his mind he was thinking about the rumpus at Penn this fall. When players complained they were treated like "galley slaves."

There is no question that both Dr. Butler and the former Princeton coach are sincere but at the same time it might be charged their ideas have not taken root either at Columbia or Princeton. Columbia abolished football in 1901 and just now it is figured as a school about to take an important place on the gridiron. Coach Lou Little of Columbia has not only announced going in for spring football practice, but has mentioned spring games with such colleges as Yale, Princeton and any other who want to play. A growing emphasis on football has been the impression at Columbia.

At Princeton a terrific wall was raised this fall because the Black and Orange team started practice so late and Princeton's poor success was attributed by some to the late opening of the Princeton season.

CRIFTH OPPOSES PLAN
CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—(INS)—Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler's plan of endowed college athletics had an opponent today in Major John L. Griffith, commissioner of athletics in the western conference. Dr. Butler is president of Columbia university.

"We have rules and organizations enough," said Major Griffith, "if we would live up to present regulations everything would be all right. Personally, I do not think there is any need of drastic rules as far as football is concerned."

"In the great majority of colleges conditions are not perfect, but I don't know of any special, economic or political institution in America

MIRACLES OF SPORTS

By Robert Edgren



STERLING COUNCIL PURCHASES FIELD FOR HIGH SCHOOL

STERLING, Ill., Dec. 22.—Purchase of a 15-acre tract of land was accomplished by the city council to be utilized for athletic purposes by the Sterling High School pupils.

A gymnasium will be erected in the near future and the field will be improved for track, football, baseball and other outdoor sports.

Plans for buildings and grounds will be worked out shortly by a special committee and the plan will rank with the best of the kind among the prep schools of this vicinity.

which is perfect," Major Griffith concluded.

WIDESPREAD COMMENT
NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—(INS)—Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler's plan to abolish gate receipts for college athletics caused widespread comment today and it was expected to be endorsed by many college officials, especially those interested in academic life.

Chancellor Elmer Ellsworth Brown of New York university was the first New York college authority to express favor for the Butler plan. Chancellor Brown said it was an idea well worth investigating, at least.

SPORTS THROUGH EDGREN'S EYES

By Robert Edgren

After giving that new balloon golf ball a good tryout for a couple of months we feel like congratulating Bobby Jones. We always thought Robert was smart, but he's more than that. He's a genius. It was downright clever of Bobby to give up competitive amateur golf just now. He won't have to play with that new ball.

Yeah, Bobby dodged a lot of grief. If he goes out to play golf in the future, playing just for fun, he can use a regular golf ball, and he probably has a supply put away. Several million golfers who play for pleasure are going to have a few kind remarks to make about the U. S. G. A. after Jan. 1. The good balls are no longer being manufactured, and before long everyone will have to use the balloons or give up golf.

I have a notion some of us will give up golf. Perhaps that's the real urge behind the balloon ball, courses getting too crowded. The gentlemen who made the balloon ball standard in this country must have had some mysterious motive. It certainly wasn't to make golf a better game for those who play it.

I see by the propaganda that Bobby likes the new ball. He has discovered that it makes approach-

KING LEVINSKY AND MANAGER IN SPLIT OVER \$11,000 PURSE

Chicago, Dec. 22.—(INS)—King Levinsky, the Chicago fighter who rose from a fish peddler to fame by knocking out Leo Lomski, and his manager, Al Miller, have parted company. It was learned today.

Levinsky's contract with Miller was voted by proving that the boxer is 20 years old rather than 23, the age he had claimed.

Mrs. Lena Levy, Levinsky's mother, had demanded an accounting of the \$11,000 purse Levinsky received when he met Tommy Loughran. Six months ago Levinsky was appearing for \$100 a bout.

My dear, playing what is ordinarily a masher-blick shot, in using the balloon ball all he has to do is take a three iron and smack the ball hard. It sails swiftly toward the green, floats upward, stalls in the air and drops swiftly toward the pin, and it doesn't roll an inch after it lands.

When we can all play like Bobby Jones we can do the same thing. (Copyright, 1930, By The Associated Newspapers)

FAIRFIELD TO PLAY MUSKIES HERE TONIGHT

Locals Conceded Slight Edge for Victory Over Invaders

LITTLE SIX STANDING		
	W	L
Muscatine	1	0
Fairfield	1	0
Burlington	1	0
Washington	1	0
Mt. Pleasant	1	0
Ottumwa	1	0

Muscatine and Fairfield high school basketball squads clash tonight in the Jefferson school gymnasium in a battle that may decide the championship of the Little Six conference.

The Little Muskies are conceded a slight edge for victory by local dopsters because of the heads-up basketball they played at Washington last week but the Fairfield eagles, fresh from an 18 to 17 victory over the Mt. Pleasant aggregation, are expected to be crowding the locals at every stage of the game.

Ottumwa, co-champion with Muscatine last season, was shoved into the defeated class last week by Burlington, so a local victory tonight against Fairfield will leave only the Burlington basketball team to challenge Muscatine's bid for leadership in the 1930-1931 Little Six race.

Polishing defensive playing and speeding up offensive tactics are the features that Coach Bob Kinnman has stressed in preparation for tonight's battle.

The starting lineup for Muscatine will probably find Hahn and Wilson in the forward jobs, Barko at center and Weber and Fabritius holding down the guard positions.

A big pep meeting was held this afternoon in the high school auditorium and was featured by brief talks by Attorney C. R. Stafford, D. D. Mich and Coach Bob Kinnman.

WASHINGTON SQUAD TO FINISH TRAINING AT SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—(INS)—After a light workout against the western all stars the Washington State Cougars, who meet Alabama in the annual Rose Bowl game at Pasadena on New Year's day, today were enroute to Los Angeles where they will finish training. The workout was held at Berkeley.

Meanwhile both the eastern and western all stars, comprising some of the best known college athletes in the country, were in hard training for the annual Shrine game here Saturday.

JULIAN ERA
The Julian day is a device of chronological reckoning often used by astronomers to avoid the complication due to months and years of unequal length. The days are numbered consecutively beginning with the so-called Julian era, January 1, 4713 B. C. For example, January 1, 1930, was Julian day, 2,425,978.

TITULAR BOUT FRIDAY NIGHT

Undisputed Championship To Be Present for Winner of Go

BY LES CONKLIN (INS Sports Writer)

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The undisputed championship of the world will be the Christmas present awarded to Midge Wolgast or Frankie Genaro, rival flyweights who clash in a fifteen-round bout at Madison Square Garden on Friday evening.

The question of the relative merits of this pair has caused some heated controversy among boxing fans during the past year. Wolgast is recognized as the champion by the New York Boxing commission, while the veteran Genaro is the titleholder in the eyes of the National Boxing association. When these boys get through throwing leather at each other Friday, each argument should be settled once and for all.

Wolgast, never regarded as a leading contender until this year, came to the front in meteoric fashion by bowing over all opposition in the elimination tournament conducted by the New York commission. The little Philadelphia Italian defended his laurels successfully against Willie Lamorie in New York last May, and turned up for the Genaro fight by outpunching Willie Davies, the Charleroi, Pa., bantamweight, at Toronto last Friday. Davies has slipped back in the last year and was still tough enough to give the midget a good workout.

GENARO GLOBE TROTTER
Genaro, who has been fighting the best flyweights in the world for ten years and beating most of them, is the globe trotter de luxe of boxing. On his last European tour he fought in England, France, Italy and Germany.

With the flyweight championship about to be settled, the various boxing commissions are redoubling their efforts to clear up disputes over titles in other divisions. Produced by the Illinois Athletic commission, the New York board last week cabled warnings to Max Schmeling, Mickey Walker and Al Brown, who have not observed the six-month rule calling for defense of their titles. The heavyweight midget may be clarified tomorrow when Joe Jacobs, Schmeling's manager, goes into a huddle with the three wise men of Gotham.

Walker has been suspended by so many boxing boards that he soon may have to join the army to be able to fight anywhere. Anyway Mickey is a big boy now, as Aunt Emma used to say, and would have to go on a Hollywood diet to make the 160 pound limit. So he probably will ignore all commission warnings and continue to campaign among the heavyweights.

BROWN PARIS FAVORITE
Brown made his last "dollar" fight in New York last February when he was fouled by one Johnny Erickson. The Panama bantam likes

to fight in gay Paree where he is a prime favorite.

The other divisions have real champions as far as boxing boards are concerned, but not in the opinion of many boxing fans. These skeptics will tell you that Kid Chocolate could and did beat Bat Battalino, the featherweight ruler; that Fide Labarba also could take that Jimmy McLarnin, Jackie Fields, Young Corbett or Billy Petrolle could beat Tommy Freeman, the welterweight champion, and that Petrolle and ackJ Berg are superior to Tony Canzoneri, the lightweight titleholder. And they will tell you that Maxie Rosenbloom can't hit the foam off a glass of lager and that he is going to leave his light-heavyweight title in a night club one of these evenings.

NINETY-SEVEN WILL TEE OFF TOMORROW AT AGUA CALIENTE

AGUA CALIENTE, Mex., Dec. 22.—(INS)—Ninety-seven golfers, 83 professionals and 14 amateurs, will tee off here tomorrow in the first half of the qualifying round of the Agua Caliente \$25,000 open golf championship to be played here Jan. 13, 14, 15, 16.

A number of notable golfers will be among those seeking to qualify. They are: Tony Mahero, winner of the recent Pasadena open; Eddie Look, Tommy Armour, Fred Morrison, Ralph Guldahl, Joe Egan, Eddie Gayer, Frank Walsh, Willard Hutchinson and Hutt, Martin.

NORMAN MEETS OSTER
Chicago, Dec. 22.—(INS)—Edgar Norman, Norwegian light-heavyweight, meets Willie Oster of Boston tonight in an eight round bout at White City arena.

It will be Norman's first ring appearance since an operation forced him out of action several months ago.

MANERO TAKES PASADENA OPEN

New York Italian Pro Clicks Off a 69 on Final 18 Holes

Pasadena, Calif., Dec. 22.—(INS)—Clicking off an excellent 69 on the final 18 holes, Tony Manero, New York professional, today had won the Pasadena open golf championship by a margin of two strokes over his nearest opponent.

Manero's consecutive rounds were 73-71-74 and 69 for an aggregate of 287 strokes.

The 25-year-old New York Italian last year was the winner of the Catalina Island tournament.

Mortie Dutra, Long Beach, Calif., finished in second place with a total of 289 strokes.

Al Espinosa and Herman Barron, Chicago, finished in a tie for third place, one stroke higher than Dutra.

The \$4,000 prize money was distributed as follows: Manero, \$1,000 Dutra, \$600; Barron and Espinosa, \$375; Mangrum, Welsh and Hunter, \$251.35; O'Brien Smith and Walker Hagen, \$125.50.

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By THORNTON W. BURGESS
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Learn a little every day
And thus to wisdom pave the way
That is what Farmer Brown's Boy
tries to do. It took him a long time
to learn that there is ever so much
more real pleasure in having the
little people of the Green Forest and
the Green Meadows for friends than
in hunting them and in trying to
trap them, but little by little he did
learn it and to-day he loves every
one of them and most of them love
him. He hopes that some day every
one of them will love him and trust
him.

But winning this love and trust
is not an easy matter. You see, the
little people have long memories and
they have not yet forgotten the ter-
rible gun and the traps and the way
in which he used to chase them and
try to frighten them. Besides from
the time they were little they were
taught that the two-legged creature
who wore strange clothes that they
could take off and put on when they
pleased were the most terrible crea-
tures in all the world, and because
Farmer Brown's Boy was one of
these they distrusted him for a long
time, even after he had tried his
very best to show them that he was
their very best friend.

At the time when the Meadows
and all the Green Forest were cov-
ered with ice Farmer Brown's Boy
had quite won a great many of the
little people. Tommy Tit the Chick-
adee would take a bit of nut meat
from his lips. Chatterer the Red
Squirrel and Happy Jack the Squirrel
would take nuts from his hand.
Peter Rabbit would let him come
very near without showing any fear,
and even suspicious Sammy Jay
would come right down into the door-
way when he was there. Then came
the day when ice covered all the
trees and a hard, icy crust lay over
all the ground. Farmer Brown's Boy
knew that that meant hard, hungry
times for most of the little people,
and his heart leaped with joy at the
thought of how he could and would
help them. So he strapped on his
skates, for if there is one thing that
Farmer Brown's Boy delights in it
is skating, and started out with food
for everybody.

He went first to the Old Orchard.
For the first time in a long while
Tommy Tit and all the other little
people seemed afraid of him. Not
one would come to eat from his hand
although he knew they must be very
very hungry. Indeed they would not
come near him. He couldn't under-
stand it. He left the food for them
and then swiftly skated down
on the Meadows to the dear
Old Brier Patch. The same thing
happened there. Peter Rab-
bit was afraid of him and showed
it. He thought about it and was
puzzled about it all the way home. It
was then that he chased Reddy Fox
and caught him, because with his
skates he could go faster on that
slippery crust than Reddy could.
Sammy Jay saw that race and so
did Peter Rabbit. They told all
those who didn't see it.

For several days after that not
one of his little friends would come
near Farmer Brown's Boy or let
him come near them. It hurt him.
He couldn't understand it. Then the
icy crust melted and he could no
longer glide about on his skates.
When he went out to see how Tom-

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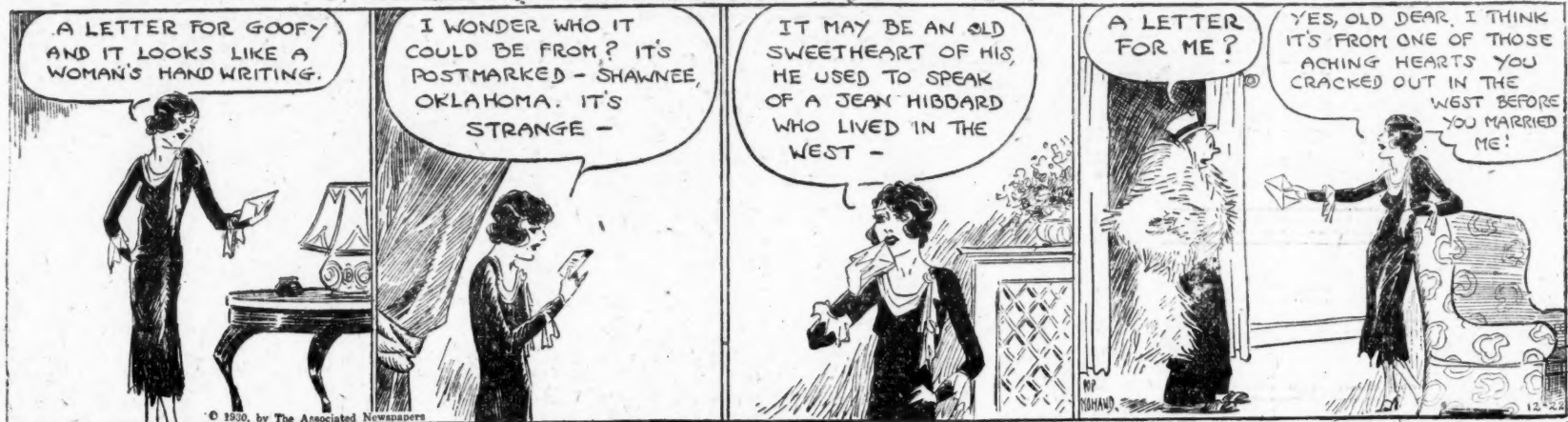
They didn't weaken—
They haven't spoken
to each other yet!
Joe almost had
himself worked up
to a point where
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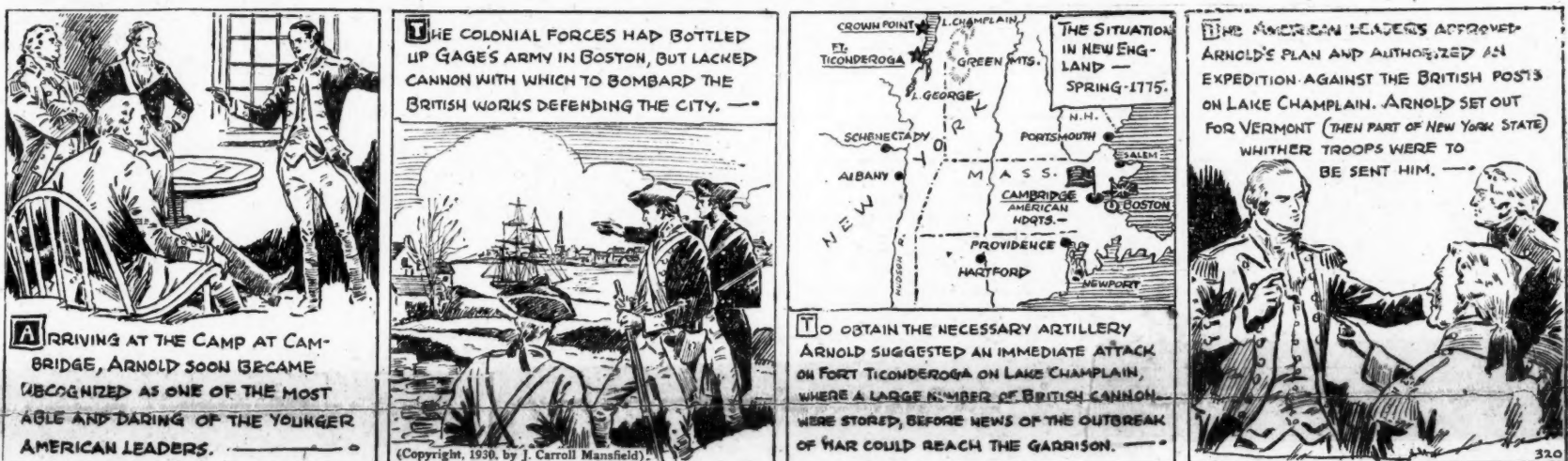
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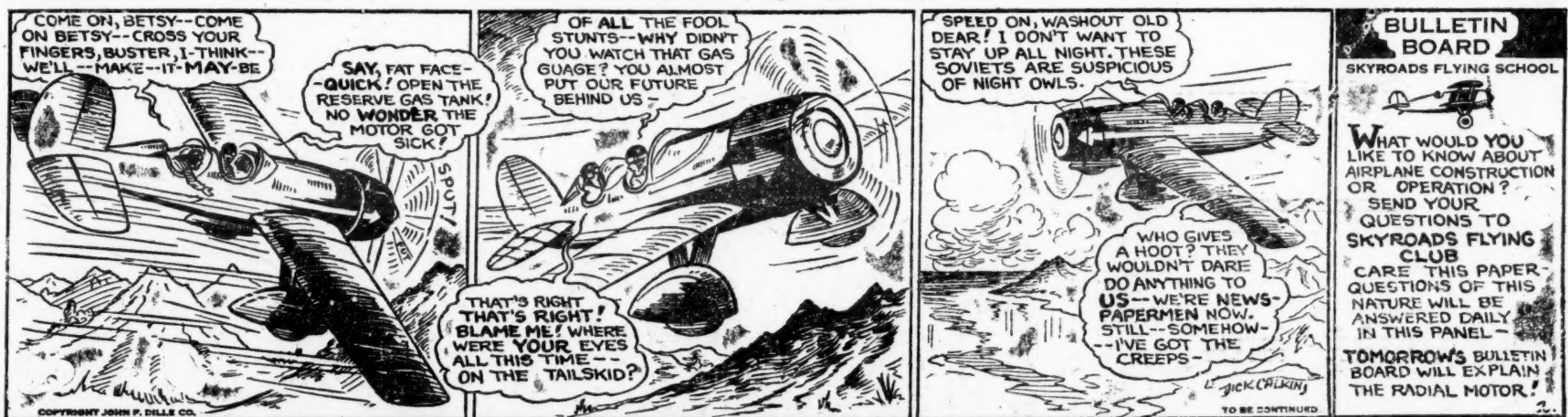
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Farm Union Will Present Cantata At Grand Mound

GRAND MOUND, Ia., Dec. 22.—(Special)—Cast of characters for the comedy "Rainbow Inn" to be presented at the Kellynna on Dec. 30 under the auspices of the Farmers Union and Ladies auxiliary, has been announced. The play will be directed by Mrs. John R. Bird. The cast of characters follows:

Hiram Barnes, owner of the Inn; Jimmie Rock; Jimmy Barnes, manager of the Inn; Victor Hansen; Mortimer Darrow, Jimmy's chum; Clarence Rock; Joshua Panaker; A man of all work; Lester; Alonzo Fenton, proprietor of Forest Home; Reinhardt Rock; Percy De Jones, a guest at the Inn; Raymond Green; Prof. Peter Dinglepaugh, the famous scientist; Gerald Vogt; Sam Johnson, a bell boy; Raymond Block; Hepsy Barnes, wife of Hiram; Bertha Burz; Sally Bender, maid of all work; Mildred Bird; Alice Brewster; Fenton's niece; Ruth Barber.

Guest at the Inn
Mehitable Fritters, Lois Barber; Fernelope Fritters, Anita Rusch; Jennie Wilton, Dorothy Bird; Eloise Marie Langdon, Gwendolyn Smith.

Albert Reimer, Grand Mound, shipped to Welles by truck fifty sheep weighing 280 pounds and John Coleman reported he hauled ten hogs that weighed an average of 440 pounds.

Grand Mound residents regret the defeat of the local basketball team at the hands of the Oxford Junction quintet by a 77 to 11 score, but are consoled by the result of the local girls' team which held their opponents to a 20 to 20 tie.

WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Ia., Dec. 20.—(Special)—John Owen, high school lad, is quarantined at his home with scarlet fever. John is the oldest son of Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Owen. Dr. Owen teaches in the United Presbyterian boys' college at Assiut, Egypt, while Mrs. Owen, formerly Miss Margaret Corlette of this city, and the five children are in Washington, so the children may be in school in the United States. All of the children were born in Egypt and they thoroughly enjoy Iowa's snow storms.

As one passes along Washington streets in the residence district, one sees through the windows and on the lawns of many, many homes beautifully lighted and decorated Christmas trees.

Mrs. J. A. McCoy of this city quietly celebrated her 77th birthday Thursday at her home, 416 S. Marion Ave.

The last meeting of 1930 of the Business and Professional Women's Club was held Thursday evening in Community Room of the "Y". Dinner was served, with Miss Elizabeth Irwin acting as luncheon committee chairman. Miss Edna Mercer, presided at the business meeting. Miss Barrett Barrett gave a Christmas reading, and third and fourth grade boys from the Heights school sang Christmas carols. Miss Mary Briley was elected a new member of the club.

A drill team from Iowa City was presented at the White Shrine ceremonial, Thursday evening, the first to be held in the new Masonic Temple. Dinner was served at 6:30 followed by the ceremonial. There were ten initiates. Miss Edith K. Pulver of Keota is worthy high priestess and Harrison M. Dodder, watchman of the shepherds. Mrs. Rose M. Reid presented the out-of-town guests.

Henry Grady, ticket agent at Kalona dropped dead on the street, Thursday evening. He had trimmed the family Christmas tree in the evening and attended the basketball game and was returning to his home above the depot. His widow and several small children survive.

Miss Beulah Harvey, assistant in the office of Dr. W. L. Alcorn, burned her hand quite seriously Thursday morning.

MORNING SUN

MORNING SUN, Ia., Dec. 20.—Miss Zelma Lee and her pupils of Mid Prairie school gave a Christmas program at the school house Friday evening.

J. O. Cummings, athletic coach, left Friday evening for Akron, Iowa, to spend the holidays with his parents.

The Community club will hold their semi-monthly luncheon Friday evening at Henry's cafe. L. M. Samson and Howard Curran were in charge.

A seven and a half pound boy has arrived to make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baird. He was born December 15.

Mrs. Harry Strawbacker, who has been a patient at the university hospital for about one month, has returned to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Carlson of Moline, Ill., are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Swanson, called here by the illness of Mrs. Swanson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McKinnney have received the word of the arrival of a new daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wilson of Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. Thomas Kennedy of New York, is here, called by the illness of her father, A. E. Jones, who is a patient at the Burlington hospital.

Many students are arriving home for their college work, to spend the Christmas holidays.

The local school closed Friday afternoon for the Christmas vacation and will re-open December 28. A Christmas party for the primary department of the union church was held in the church parlors Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Each pupil will receive a treat on Christmas eve. Stereoscopic Christmas scenes will be shown in the church which will be very entertaining and educational. There will be musical numbers.

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WEST BRANCH

WEST BRANCH, Ia., Dec. 20.—(Special)—Election of officers featured the December meeting of the Community club. About 600 attended the meeting. The officers chosen for the coming year are: T. A. Moore, president; C. A. Pilkington, vice president; W. S. Maxson, treasurer; Miss Hazel Barnes, secretary; W. B. Anderson, Mrs. Ed. Kader, Glen Hoffman, Harry A. Johnson and Mrs. G. C. Kelch; executive board.

The new officers will take charge in January. Fifty-six grade children opened the entertainment with Christmas songs, singing four numbers. This was followed by Clyde Brown, giving a humorous selection "Base-ball Story." The pupils of the fifth grade presented a play to stimulate interest in reading good books. The boys and girls were in costume and represented the characters of the favorites of juvenile readers. The Lutheran church sang Christmas hymns. There was a very busy time in the gym when the 600 people began filling in for refreshments. Doughnuts, apples, Eskimo pies and hot coffee were served by the committee.

School was closed Friday at 2:30 p. m. for the holiday season. The out of town teachers will go to their respective homes.

Mrs. Lilla McPadden of West Liberty has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Fred Endsley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gravel returned Friday from a pleasure trip in the western part of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Culver and Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Daniels and children visited relatives in Tipton recently.

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Mrs. Mary Bender Rites Held Sunday

Funeral services for Mrs. Bender, 614 East Sixth street, who died at the University of Iowa hospital Thursday evening were conducted yesterday at 3:00 from the Fairbanks funeral home with the Rev. Ira Harvey of the United Brethren church officiating. Burial was made in Greenwood cemetery.

The pallbearers were A. E. Hopkins, Henry Eusen, A. J. Niedig, John Gertenbach, Frank Lincoln and George Gerken.

BAYFIELD

BAYFIELD, Ia., Dec. 22.—Mr. and Mrs. William King, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McCarty, Lucille Zimmerman, Richard Pressler, Frank and Hershel Harper were business callers in Muscatine Thursday.

The roads in this vicinity are icy due to the results of the snow storm. The marriage of Miss Mildred Oeppling to Edward Windman will take place next week at the Grace English Lutheran church. For the past three years the bride elect has been employed at the Hershey hospital. Miss Oeppling has been home or guest at several parties this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry White and daughter, Joyce Verile and son, Bobby were visiting in Muscatine Thursday, at the home of the latter's parents.

Miss Sophie Lindie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lindie, will participate in the Christmas program held at St. Mathias School in Muscatine.

Lester Bill will present his pupils in a program to be held at Clearview School in Lake Township Tuesday night.

Miss Ruth Noll is spending the week end at the home of her brother, Ralph Noll, Logan Street in Muscatine.

FAIRFIELD

FAIRFIELD, Ia., Dec. 20.—(Special)

—The Fairfield Welfare bureau reports seventy families which have received a total of 208 garments since the bureau began to function. Twenty-seven families have been supplied with food, twenty-two pieces of bedding have been given to ten needy families and eight homes have been supplied with coal. The people of Fairfield have been very generous with their donations of food and clothing, but childrens garments of all kinds and bedding are still greatly needed. Forty men and five women have filed applications for work. Many jobs have been listed for assignment. Mrs. Reames the secretary keeps a list of all work offered and all workers applying.

The Royal Oaks class of the Lutheran church held a Christmas party in the church parlor last evening at 6:30.

At the annual meeting of the Jefferson county Farm Bureau officers for the coming year were elected as follows: president, Charles W. Clarke; vice-president, Carl Edmund; secretary, D. L. Heston; treasurer, N. J. Calhoun; township directors, Gilbert Smith, Blackhawk; Harry Rider, Buchanan; Ray Grant, Cedar; Walter Myers, Center; Fred Peebler, Des Moines; R. V. Peebler, Liberty; Charles Scheiber, Lockridge; Art Whitaker, Locust Grove; O. L. Macey, Penn; Ned Oliver, Polk; C. O. McClain, Round Prairie; John Mann, Walnut.

Mrs. Elmer C. Davis was elected county chairman of women's work and Mrs. F. E. Berry chairman of the county girls club work. Dale Carris will supervise the boys club work in the county.

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FAIRFIELD, Ia., Dec. 22.—(Special)

—A group of interested friends of the Mid-West Free Press gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rider, 102 East Briggs street Friday afternoon to listen to the official starting of this new non-partisan daily newspaper. When President Hoover, in his office in Washington, pressed the button, the whirr of the machinery was distinctly heard and the program of introductions and acknowledgments of the large force of men and women who have made this publication a reality was most interesting.

No. 8 school in Penn Township known as Lynn school, Jefferson county rural school, is the first to report sale of Christmas seals. Miss Pearl Hank is the teacher and reported \$5 worth of seals sold.

An oil barrel in the basement of the Masonic Temple, the lower floor of which is occupied by the Eastern Motor Company, exploded about 6 o'clock Thursday evening, causing fire which did undetermined damage. The flames were soon extinguished but the smoke damage to the main floor and to the Masonic hall on the second floor of the building, is estimated to be the largest item in the fire cost, and will reach several thousand dollars.

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Clearview Scholars To Present Program

Clearview school, district No. 2 in Lake Township, taught by Lester Bill, will offer a Christmas program Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Refreshments will be sold after the program which follows:

Recitation, "Welcome," Eldon Hepler; song, "Glad Christmas," the school; recitation, "Christmas," Mildred Vance; recitation, "Candlelight," Maren Stuart; dialogue, "Adam Herick's Christmas"; recitation, "Puss and the Ball," Edwin Stuart; recitation, "Useful Needles," Robert Vance; dialogue, "Received With Pleasure"; song, "All Through the Night," school; recitation, "The Meaning of Christmas," Glen Stuart; monologue, "Presents for All," Lyle Imhoff; harmonica solo, "Star of the East," Eldon Hepler; recitation, "The Night of Peace," Ruth Vance; songs, "The Best Plan," Lloyd Stuart; dialogue, "Adopting Grandparents"; recitation, "The Winner," Richard Hepler; song, "Silent Night," school; "A Word of Farewell," Lyle Imhoff; "A Talk," Mrs. Sarah Huftalen.

Funeral Of Drahos Infant Held Sunday

The funeral of Clarence Drahos, 10-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Drahos, 1202 Indiana street, who died Thursday, were conducted Saturday at 2:30 p. m., from the church of the Nazarene, with the Rev. P. J. Richards officiating. Burial was made in Greenwood cemetery.

The county girls club work. Dale Carris will supervise the boys club work in the county.

Hold Services For Mrs. Cynthia McGreer

Funeral services for Mrs. Cynthia Bell McGreer, who died Thursday evening at her home, 114 Chestnut street, were conducted from the Wiltch funeral home yesterday at 1 o'clock with the Rev. C. L. Larson of the Illinois City Methodist church in charge. Interment was made in Greenwood cemetery.

The pallbearers were Elbert McGreer, Lee Fries, Ben Zollner, Charles Spickler, Link Barton and N. L. Bowser.

New Assistant At St. Mary's Arrives

The Rev. Paul Wolstein, who has been serving as chaplain of the St. Francis hospital at Burlington, has assumed his new duties as an assistant to the Rev. P. J. Pelser, pastor of the local congregation.

The Rev. Joseph Sussel, formerly of Iowa City, succeeded the Rev. Mr. Wolstein as chaplain at the Burlington hospital.

TUCSON'S DISTINCTION
Tucson, Ariz., is the only walled town in North America. Old Tucson until 1847 was a walled town. A charter to Pueblo del Tucson was granted by the king of Spain in 1522. It is one of the oldest European settlements established in this country. It was included in the territory known as the Gadsden purchase acquired from Mexico in 1854.

Here is a classic story: "An elephant, captured by Alexander the Great from an Indian king, was found 350 years subsequently, with the following inscription on him: 'Alexander, the son of Jupiter, had dedicated Ajax to the sun,' the name of Ajax having been given to the elephant by Alexander."

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